1360.


Membrane 3d—cont.

Appointment of the king’s clerk Henry de Snyth, keeper of his privy wardrobe in the Tower of London, to select in London and elsewhere within the realm, the necessary armourers, flechers, smiths and other artificers and labourers for the works of armour, bows, bow-strings, arrows and arrow-heads and other works relating to his office and put them to the said works in the Tower of London and elsewhere as shall be expedient at the king’s wages for such time as shall be necessary, and to buy, provide and fell timber and wood for arrows for a reasonable price to be assessed by oath of good men where the timber and wood shall be found, have it brought to the places where it is wanted and to take carriage for this; also to buy feathers from the wings of geese and other necessaries for his office and the artifice of the said flechers and other like workmen, to have armouries (almorias), ‘quivers’ and chests made in the Tower for storing and keeping the bows, arrows and bow-strings, and plates for the king’s mariners made of the old armour and other harness of the king in his keeping, and to arrest contrariants and rebels in the premises and imprison them until the king give order for their punishment.

By K.


Commission to Reynold de Ferrers, lieutenant of the king’s admiral from the mouth of the Thames towards the West, John Cler of Suthampton, Alan de Sutton and Roger de Sutton, reciting that, whereas on its being found by inquisition made by the first named that a crayer of Goseford by a blow from a ship of Robert Billyng of Yarmouth, whereof Peter de Ormesby is master, on the sea near the Isle of Wight in a place called ‘Le Converse’ was wrecked and five men who were in the crayer were killed, whereby the ship should pertain to the king by maritime law as forfeit, he commanded the mayor and bailiffs of divers towns to cause the ship to be at once arrested and detained until further order, the said Robert has now given him to understand that the crayer was not struck by his ship intentionally and that it was wrecked on the sea outside of any port where no forfeiture could pertain to the king and prayed that the arrest of the ship may be removed; and appointing them to make further inquisition in the matter by the oath of good men of the county of Suthampton and certify him truly whether the ship should be forfeit to him or not.

By K.

Membrane 2d.

July 1. Westminster.

Commission to the abbot of St. Augustine’s, Bristol, Thomas Babbeçary, mayor of that town, and William le Yonge, to make a visitation of the hospital of St. John, Bristol, co. Gloucester, of the foundation of the king’s progenitors, which was endowed with lands and rents of the burgesses of the town for the sustenance of the poor and infirm and of chantries, alms, and other pious works for the souls of the king’s progenitors and of the burgesses, the lands and goods